

Council Report

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CEO Report

Hello and a warm welcome to the October 2026 Council Report.

The past four months, since the last Council Report, have been marked by significant achievements and new opportunities, as we continue to strengthen CIBSE's role in shaping the built environment and supporting our members globally.

Our membership remains at the heart of everything we do. Our membership number sits at just under 23,000 (we always see a slight drop at this time of the year following our annual lapsed cycle and we remain healthily ahead of this time last year), continuing to see encouraging growth across all parts of the CIBSE world. This is particularly positive at a time when demand for professional competence, technical knowledge and trusted guidance continues to grow. Our membership applications activity is also showing strong momentum. Corporate applications (i.e. Fellow, Member, Licentiate and Associate) are up 20% compared with the same period in 2025, and we have continued to recruit and train Interviewers and Experience Route Assessors to support the increased demand. Improvements to our reporting and monitoring processes are helping us manage workloads more effectively and improve application turnaround times. Alongside this, our Apprenticeship team received 502 applications for the 2026 intake, a 7% increase on 2025, demonstrating continued interest in professional development pathways within our sector.

Our commitment to professional competence is also reflected in our Continuing Professional Development activity. We are always delighted to see a very low level of non-compliance, with members demonstrating strong engagement with the mandatory Sustainability and Building Safety topics. The 2025 audit of Corporate Members' CPD is now underway, supporting CIBSE's ongoing responsibilities under the Engineering Council requirements.

Knowledge and technical guidance continue to be a major priority. We have strengthened the Knowledge team with the appointment of a new Editorial Project Manager, supporting our ambitious plans for the development and growth of CIBSE Knowledge. Several important publications have already been delivered, including [*Guide M11 Indicative Economic Life Expectancy Tables*](#), [*TM71 Measuring Heat Transfer Coefficients in Buildings*](#) and the revised [*TM59 Design Methodology for the Assessment of Overheating Risk in Homes*](#).

Looking ahead, there is a particularly strong pipeline of guidance. This includes the new *Domestic Heat Pump Design and Installation Guide*, *TM51 Ground and Water Source Heat Pumps and Healthcare Facilities Design*, both planned for Q4 of this year, as well as the *Ceiling Fans Guide* and the updated *Guide A Chapter 2, External Design Data*, expected by the end of the year. Looking further ahead, an update to CIBSE Guide K is also in development and is set to be published by June 2027. These publications will continue to provide members and the wider industry with authoritative, practical resources to respond to the challenges facing the built environment.

Our technical work is increasingly connecting this knowledge with policy, regulation and real-world industry needs. CIBSE continues to contribute evidence and expertise to the UK Government consultations and working groups, including the development of the new Built Environment Professions Strategy, with a member and Government workshop planned for October. We have also strengthened our engagement with the UK Parliament through sponsorship of the APPG for Healthy Homes & Buildings and contributed to a Ministerial roundtable on data centre design, where CIBSE highlighted the importance of sustainable design and the skills needed to support future growth in this area.

Research and innovation remain central to our technical programme as work is progressing on refrigerant leakage rates, embodied carbon in heat networks, heat pump noise and vibration, international weather files and the Energy Benchmarking Dashboard. Our collaboration with UCL on the dashboard has already attracted significant engagement, with 7,400 unique visitors since its release. Meanwhile, our digital transformation is creating new ways for members and industry to access and use CIBSE knowledge, and we are in the process of developing a new knowledge platform (working title *CIBSE One*), that will make the accessibility and functionality of our knowledge and guidance far more efficient and effective. We will be discussing and debating this with Council members at the October meeting to deepen the understanding of exactly what members want from the platforms that provide them with knowledge and guidance.

Our training offer continues to support these priorities. Public training has delivered 24 courses so far this year, with particular growth in building safety and commissioning. The launch of training linked to [*TM39 Building Metering & Monitoring*](#) is an important example of how our technical guidance can directly support member competence and professional development. On Demand training also remains strong, with 95 courses purchased to date.

Across the CIBSE regions, we have seen significant activity in delivering events, strengthening member engagement and developing new opportunities. In Hong Kong, the committee welcomed Professor Dejan Mumovic, CIBSE Trustee and Board Member, for an Education Guild workshop, while preparations are underway for the Hong Kong Building Performance Awards 2027. In MENA, the Region has set ambitious priorities for the year ahead, with its Decarbonisation Conference, Awards and Retrofit Conference among the activities planned. The launch of a new sub-committee in Oman has been well received, strengthening the support we can give members in the region. ANZ continues to deliver its seminar programme and expand its training offer, including new drainage and forthcoming data centre design courses, while Ireland is strengthening links with universities, early-career engineers and the wider industry. Its [*Bringing Buildings Alive podcast*](#) is also showing excellent growth, with a 76% engagement rate and 14% monthly growth.

October is always a splendid month for CIBSE as we celebrate the contributions of our technical experts and of our highly valued senior volunteers at the *President's Awards Dinner*. This year, we are recognising an exceptional cohort of senior volunteers with the awards of the CIBSE Bronze, Silver and Gold Medal to individuals who have made significant contributions to CIBSE over many years. I look forward to seeing many of you at this prestigious event.

Closing, I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to all our volunteers and members for their invaluable contributions to CIBSE. Your continued enthusiasm, dedication, and support are truly appreciated and make a lasting impact.

Best, Ruth

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